(b) what such percentages were for the years 1990 to 2001, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) As on 1.1.2002, the percentage of posts of Secretary to Government of India or equivalent thereof, being held by officers of the Central Services Group 'A' is 31.54.

(b) The percentage of posts of Secretary to Government of India or equivalent held by officers of the Central Services Group 'A' during the years 1990-2001, year-wise is indicated as under:-

Year (As on)	Percentage
1.12.1990	34.74
1.1.1991	37.10
1.1.1992	35.20
1.1.1993	38.23
1.1.1994	28.28
1.1.1995	29.21
1.1.1996	31.48
1.1.1997	32.77
1.1.1998	37.61
1.1.1999	39.41
1.1.2000	38.36
1.1.2001	38.25

Purchase of Stationery item by Government Departments

866. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms had issued an Office Memorandum No. 14 / 14 / 80- Welfare on 14th July, 1981;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the same OM is violative of the provisions contained in the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 and whether the OM preaches monopoly making mandatory and incumbent on Government offices to purchase stationery and other items from the Kendriya Bhandar only;

(d) whether there is any proposal to revoke the said OM;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Office Memorandum is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) To give boost to cooperative movement Department of Personnel and Training issued the said OM outlining the guidelines to various Central Government Departments / offices etc. to make purchases of stationery and other items from consumer cooperative societies viz. Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar and NCCF which were receiving substantial assistance from Government and are subject to statutory supervision and control by the Register of Cooperative Societies etc. It was felt that these cooperative societies were the most suitable agencies for supply of consumer goods at fair and reasonable prices. All these three Cooperative Societies mentioned in the OM are Multi-State Cooperative Societies. Section 102(1) of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 states that such Multi State Cooperatives are outside the purview of MRTP Act.

(d) to (f) The office Memorandum dated 14.7.81 (as amended) is being reviewed and a final decision is expected to be taken shortly.

Statement

Copies of O.Ms. issued by MHA for purchase of Stationery etc.

No.14 / 14 / 80-Welfare
Government of India
Department of Personnel & A.R.
(Ministry of Home Affairs)

New Delhi, the 14th July, 1981

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Local purchase of stationery and other articles from the Central Government Employees Consumer Co-operative Society Limited, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum No.14/14/80- Welfare dated the 20th June, 1980, on the subject mentioned above in which it was stated that all local purchases of official requirements of articles of stationery, sanitary, electrical and other items be made through the Central Government Employees Consumer Co-operative Society Limited, New Delhi without going through the eleborate procedure of calling for quotations and / or rate list. Subse quently, it was clarified *vide* this Department's Office Memorandum of even number dated the 16th May, 1981 that while purchase upto Rs. 250/- can be made from the Co-operative Society without calling for tenders, where purchases are in excess of this limit, the provisions of the General Financial rules will apply and tenders are to be invited as laid down in chapter 8 of the General Financial rules, 1963.

2. The matter has since been reviewed. It is one of the avowed objectives of the cooperative movement to ensure supply of goods and services to the consumers at the most economical and competitive prices. Taking note of this commitment, the Department of Cooperation had issued general guidelines as early as 1968 to all State Governments and Union Territories to the effect that Government offices should patronize consumer cooperative stores while making purchases of their requirements. This was reterated in another circular letter addressed to all State Governments etc. in March, 1972, by the Department of Cooperation. It has been stated in that letter that consumer cooperatives, especially departmental stores, which have received substantial financial assistance from Government and are subject to statutory supervision and control by the registrars of Cooperative Societies and State Governments are the most suitable agencies for supply of consumer goods at fair and reason-

able prices and that while rendering honest and efficient service, their dealings are free from malpractices often indulged in by private traders such as profiteering, adulteration, sale of spurious and sub-standard goods, underweighment and tax evasion. This Department, therefore, felt that there was no reason why guidelines issued by the Central Government to State Governments and Union Territories should not be made applicable to the Central Government Departments in the matter of purchases made by them.

3. The Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited, New Delhi, which was set up in 1963 as a well measure to provide articles of daily necessities to Government employees at reasonable prices, functions under the supervision and control of the Department of Personnel & A.R. Besides substantial investments made in the share capital of the Society, the Government have been providing financial assistance to it from time to time by way of subsidy, loans, cellateral guarantee against borrowings etc. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Society is a Joint Secretary of the Department of Personnel & A.R. who exercises direct and close control over its activities.

4. Keeping the background set out in paragraph 2 and 3 above, the Ministry of Works & Housing and Department of Supply who were consulted, have agreed that it may be made incumbent on all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations financed and / or controlled by the Government located at Delhi / New Delhi to make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Limited, New Delhi. Only if the society is not able to supply, a particular item, will it be permissible for them to make local purchase from other sources.

5. The prices of the various articles sold through the outlets of this Society are, by and large, less than obtaining in the market. Keeping this aspect in view, the Ministry of Finance have agreed to waive the procedure laid down in chapter 8 of the General Financial rules regarding calling of tenders for such purchases as are made from the Central Government Consumer Co-operative Society Limited. However, with a view to provide a safeguard for ensuring quality as well as fair price, it has been decided that articles as are generally intended for by Government Departments etc. will be fixed by a Committee consisting of a representative each of the Department of Supply, Works and Housing and the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society and the prices so fixed

will remain in force for a period of three months. The General Manager of the Society will send to the indenting organizations from time to time the detailed list of articles available with the Society.

6. It is requested that the instructions contained in this Office Memorandum may kindly be noted carefully and complied with in a respect of local purchases to be made by Government Departments etc., hereafter, Ministries / Departments are also requested to instruct their attached and subordinate offices as well as autonomous bodies and public sector undertakings under their control to allow the same procedure for obtaining their requirements of stationery and other items from the society.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure *vide* their U.O. No. 4747/ JS (per) dated 14th July, 1981.

(Hindi version will follow)

Sd/-

T. Ramaswami

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries / Departments of the Government of India

No.14 / 6 /87-Welfare
Government of India / Bharat Sarkar
Department of Personnel and Training
(Karmik aur Prashikshan Vlbhag)

New Delhi, the 19th August, 1987

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Local Purchase of stationery and other articles from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 14 / 14 / 80-Welfare dated the 14th July, 1981 on the subject mentioned above wherein it was stated that all local purchases of official requirements be made through Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi.

2. The matter has since been reviwed while instrcution's contained in this Department's O.M. dated 14.07.81 referred to above will continue to be followed. It has been decided that all Central Government departments and their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations financed and / or controlled by the Government located at Delhi / New Delhi may with effect from 01.01.88 make all local purchase of stationery and other items required by them either from the Kendriya Bhandar or the Super Bazar, Delhi. Only if the Society or Super Bazar is not able to supply a particular item such, purchases should be made from other sources as per rules after obtaining a 'No Objection Certificate' from them.

3. All Ministries / Departments are requested to ensure compliance of these instructions and also bring to the notice of their attached and subordinate offices, autonomouos bodies and public sector undertakings, etc. under their control located at Delhi / New Delhi for strict compliance.

(HARSH BARDHAN)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries / Departments of Government of India etc. etc.

No.14/1/88-Welfare (Vol.II)

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions

(Department of Personnel and Training)

Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi, the 11.4.94

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Local purchase of stationery andother articles by the Central Government offices located in Delhi / New Delhi and outside Delhi-Instructions regarding.

The undesigned is directed to refer to this Department's Office Memorandum No.14/3/88-Welfare dated 4.2.88 and No.14/2/89-Welfare dated 28.2.89 wherein it has been stated that Central Government Departments and their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and/or controlled by the Government located in Delhi and outside Delhi may make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them either from the Kendriya Bhandar or the Super Bazar, Delhi and offices located outside Delhi shall made such local purchases from the local Central/Wholesale Consumer

Cooperative Societies, Kendriya Bhandar located therein. Only if they not able to supply a particular item, such purchases should be made from other sources as per rules after obtaining a 'NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE' from them.

2. It was also stated therein that the Central Government offices etc. located in Delhi and outside Delhi may make purchases of file covers from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission / Khadi and Village Industries Commission units or products of KVIC from Super Bazar / Kendriya Bhandar.

3. The matter relating to inclusion of National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Limited (NCCF) for the purpose of local purchase of stationery by the Central Government offices was under consideration for some time in this Department. It has now been decided to include NCCF as an agency for supplying of stationery and other items required by the Central Government offices located in Delhi and New Delhi and outside Delhi. In view of this, all Central Government Departments and their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations financed and / or controlled by the Central Government, located in Delhi / New Delhi may also w.e.f. 1.4.1994 make all local purchase of stationery and other items required by them from the NCCF.

4. All Ministries / Departments are required to ensure compliance of these instructions and also bring them to the notice of their attached and subordinate offices, autonomous bodies and Public Sector Undertakings etc. under their control located in Delhi / New Delhi and outside Delhi for strict compliance.

(S.K. Dasgupta)

Under Secretary to the Govt. Of India

To

All Ministries / Departments of Government of India etc. etc.

No. 17/4/97-Welfare Government of India Ministry of Personnel' Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) Room No. 361, Lok Nayak Bhavan New Delhi, dated the 12-6-1998.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Local purchase of stationery and other articles by Ministries/Departments etc. from Kendriya Bhandar — regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 14/14/80-Welfare dated the 14th July, 1981 (copy enclosed for ready reference) on the above mentioned subject wherein it was made incumbent on all Central

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations financed and/or controlled by the Government to make local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Ssociety Ltd. (Kendriya Bhandar) in relaxation of the tenders/quotation procedures as laid down in the GFRs. It was also mentioned therein that only if the Society is not able to supply a particular item, the Ministries/Departments etc. will be allowed to make local purchases from other sources. The relaxation was accorded on the understanding that a Committee consisting of a representative each of the Department of Supply, Ministry of Wroks & Housing, Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society, would fix the prices of the articles as are generally indented for by Government Departments etc. (Para 5 of the said O.M.).

2. The matter relating to the Constitution of Committee (referred to in para 5 of O.M. dated 14-7-1981) has been reviewed in consultation with FA (Home) and it has been decided to do away with the provisions regarding formation of Committee referred to in para 5 of the above O.M.

3. It has been further decided that Kendriya Bhandar would introduce a system of annual survey to have a proper feed back from the consumers for ensuring quality/price control on the items of stationery and other articles supplied to the Ministries/Departments and other Government offices.

4. This issues with the concurrence of FA(Home) *vide* their u.o. No. 2549/FA(H)/98, dt. 29.5.1998.

(J.S. Bhatia)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (as per standard list)

Raids oonducted by CBI

†867. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of the officers in the administrative services found guilty in the raids conducted by the C.B.I. has been increasing during the last three years;

(b) if not, the respective number of these officers during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

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